

**Resolution #TC-1959**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission's Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16 & 17, 2011 are hereby approved as published in the official agenda of the March 16 & 17 Meeting Agenda.

**Transportation Commission of Colorado  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 16 & 17, 2011**

**Chairman Les Gruen convened the meeting at 9:34 a.m. in the auditorium of the headquarters building in Denver Colorado.**

PRESENT WERE: Les Gruen, Chairman, District 9  
Steve Parker, Vice Chair, District 8  
Trey Rogers, District 1  
Jeanne Erickson, District 2  
Heather Barry, District 4  
Bill Kaufman, District 5  
Doug Aden, District 7  
Gilbert Ortiz, Sr., District 10  
Kimbra L. Killin, District 11

EXCUSED: Gary Reiff, District 3

ALSO PRESENT: Don Hunt, Executive Director  
Peggy Catlin, Deputy Executive Director  
Pam Hutton, Chief Engineer  
Ben Stein, CFO  
Stacey Stegman, Public Relations Director  
Mark Imhoff, Division of Transit and Rail Director  
Tony DeVito, Region 1 Transportation Director  
Tim Harris, Region 2 Transportation Director  
Dave Eller, Region 3 Transportation Director  
Johnny Olson, Region 4 Transportation Director  
Richard Reynolds, Region 5 Transportation Director  
Reza Akhavan, Region 6 Transportation Director  
Harry Morrow, Chief Transportation Counsel  
John Cater, FHWA  
Vince Rogalski, Statewide Transportation Advisory  
Committee (STAC) Chairman  
Dave Wieder, Maintenance and Operations Branch Manager

AND: Other staff members, organization representatives,  
the public and the news media

Two audiotapes of the meeting were made and supporting documents are filed in the Transportation Commission office.

### **Introduction of New Executive Director**

Chairman Les Gruen introduced the New Executive Director Don Hunt and presented him with a small State Highway sign with a 13 on it to signify that Mr. Hunt is the 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Director of CDOT. Chairman Gruen stated that each of the Commissioners had signed the back of the sign and that the group wanted to welcome Don.

Executive Director Don Hunt thanked the Commission for the lucky 13 gift and mentioned that he was very honored and excited to be the new Executive Director of CDOT. He stated that he knew he was here in a time of challenge and had been in the transportation industry a long time. He reported that CDOT has been able to do many great things in partnership with the Federal Government and State funding sources and that those funding situations are very different now. He quipped that he had mentioned to staff that maybe CDOT will get lucky with the new Congress but, that he doubted it. He declared that there are projections that general fund money would be available in 3 or 4 years and he doubted that. He stated that CDOT has to do a great job in the next couple of years as a department to deliver all services the best we can and look for the Governor's watch words of Effective, Efficient and Elegant in the delivery of State services. He concluded by saying that he would need help from the Staff, Partners and the Commissions to meet those expectations and he stated he would guarantee if CDOT does a good job and the economy improves CDOT will have a great partner in Governor Hickenlooper to be looking at new ways to fund transportation in the State of Colorado.

### **Audience Participation**

Chairman Les Gruen stated that there were no members of the audience signed up wishing to speak

### **Individual Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Rogers stated that he wanted to welcome Executive Director Don Hunt aboard and that he looked forward to working with him.

Commissioner Killen stated that she also wanted to welcome Don and confirmed that CDOT is in challenging economic times but, that she wanted him to know that the Commission is committed to facing the challenges with him.

Commissioner Ortiz welcomed Don Hunt and invited him to visit his district and extended a lunch invitation when he does.

Commissioner Erickson welcomed Director Hunt and stated that she was really looking forward to working with him and confirmed that the entire Commission was very supportive of him.

Commissioner Kaufman said that he too wanted to welcome Director Hunt and that he looked forward to working with him. He reported that Don was welcome to come up north as well and that they would feed him better than the other people.

Commissioner Aden stated that he wanted to extend his welcome to Don and thanked him for coming to Grand Junction on his own time to attend the Club 20 Transportation Committee meeting. Commissioner Aden reported that he had invited Don to attend the meeting and he was pleased that Don was able to do so because Club 20 had been a key constituent for a long time and thoughts move toward putting together a coalition of statewide support for better funding the club will be an important partner. Commissioner Aden continued and reported that former Commissioner George Temple was being inducted into the Colorado Agricultural Hall of Fame and a banquet in Denver in February and that it was a great honor for George.

Commissioner Barry stated that she wanted to welcome Director Hunt and confirmed that she was looking forward to working with him. She reported that it had been great working with him at the City of Denver and she was looking forward to working with him in his new role at CDOT.

Commissioner Parker stated that he was delighted that Director Hunt was in place at CDOT and that he urged him to accept the invitations from Commissioners Ortiz and Kaufman but that after he had done that he should come down and visit the best part of the State and they would not only buy him dinner but, also provide lodging. He stated that it is going to be an exciting time and it will be great once Director Hunt gets his feet on the ground and begins to work with all the partners that have been developed over the years. He reported that he felt CDOT was poised to move forward in the brave new world.

Chairman Gruen stated that he wanted to thank Region 1, RTD, Tony DeVito and reported that when he was asked to make a presentation to the Southern Colorado Leadership Forum he couldn't have done it without the help of Tony and Angie Drumm. He stated that he had received phone calls after the meeting in regards to how well the presentation went and he couldn't have done it without their support.

### **Chief Engineer Report**

Chief Engineer Pam Hutton delivered the following update to the Commission:

#### **FY11 Employee Safety Survey**

- General results:
  - Noticeably more positive perceptions of safety from 2006 and 2007
  - All 14 areas received positive ratings and gains from earlier surveys
  - Overall safety climate – improving
  - New measure – CDOT's overall safety maturity – between “moving” and “progressing”
- Improved Areas
- Areas for Future Improvement

## 2010 Safety Progress

- Vehicle Accidents:
  - Goal: reduce by 10% annually
  - Achieved: 33% reduction
- Workers Compensation Claims
  - Volume:
    - 2006 - 2008: annually 450 claims
    - 2010: 222 claims
  - Value:
    - 2007: \$6M in claims
    - 2010: \$2.1M in claims

## ARRA Update

- Obligation update
- Status
  - Only 1 project yet to be advertised, all others awarded and given NTP,
  - 60 projects are complete
  - \$326M expended (85% of allocation, 10% increase from January)

## FASTER Safety

- FY10 – 51 planned projects
  - Remaining 2 to be advertised in spring
- FY11 – 70 planned projects
  - 11 yet to be scheduled
  - 33 scheduled for advertisement this spring
- CE objective –
  - 85% obligated by March 31
  - Current: 59%

Pam Hutton called attention to a flyer from a brand new project that had celebrated a ribbon cutting. She said that the ceremony opened the I-25 Trinidad viaduct project and that the original structures had been built in 1955 and 1959. Pam confirmed that the new structures had some unique features including aesthetics that emulate the downtown area with red brick and cobblestone like there is in the old part of Trinidad. She reported that the project goal was to be in context with the community. Pam declared that the viaduct was modern in design and that the Recovery Act Funding allowed for the construction of the Purgatory River Pedestrian Trail which had previously been removed from the project due to budget constraints. Pam listed other unique features of the project to include the use of energy efficient LED lighting instead of overhead highway lights as requested by the town to keep out ambient lighting in the sky and mentioned that 3500 trees and shrubs will be planted in the spring for the completion of the project.

Commissioner Aden asked for the total cost of the project and Pam stated that it was done in a couple of phases using alternative contracting methods as she asked Region

2 RTD, Tim Harris for the final total of the project. Tim Harris reported that the total cost for the two structures came in around \$70 to \$75M.

### **High Performance Transportation Enterprise (HPTE) Director's Report**

HPTE Director, Michael Cheroutes, was excused from the meeting.

### **FHWA Division Administrator Report**

John Cater reported that he was in a position to deliver a portion of Mike Cheroutes' report as he had been on a conference call with him earlier in the morning. He said that Mr. Cheroutes was participating with a large delegation of local officials at meetings in Washington, D.C. working on the TIGER/TIFIA Grant for the US 36 project. He reported that he had been informed that the meetings had been very positive and that the TIFIA grant will proceed to the review step and the group is hoping for it to be awarded in August.

Mr. Cater stated that it had been a very busy time in the offices of the FHWA because the President's budget had come out on Monday, February 14, 2011 and that for transportation FHWA fared very well and that the proposal was for an increase in funding subject to Congress and the President working out additional funding to allow that to happen. He said that the budgetary track would be positive. He reported that principals for reauthorization had been laid out and that SAFETEA-LU will expire on March 4, 2011 and the hope is that it will be extended one more time and that a reauthorization bill would then be on the President's desk by August.

John mentioned that in the January meeting he had mentioned the Diverging Diamond concept and that had brought a video of the concept to aid him in explaining its use. John displayed the concept with the use of two different video clips.

Commissioner Kaufman declared that in Loveland at the intersection of Madison and US 34 there is a continuous flow intersection that is on a smaller scale than those shown in Mr. Cater's presentation but, that it might be one that his group would like to take a look at. Mr. Cater expressed interest in looking at the intersection and Commissioner Kaufman stated that the person to contact was Keith Reister, head of Public Works, Loveland.

### **STAC Report**

Vince Rogalski mentioned that he wanted to welcome Executive Director Hunt and stated that the STAC had its regular meeting on Friday, February 11, 2011 and discussed the following topics:

- Federal Legislation
  - Reduction in Federal funding
  - Congressional Notebook reflecting priorities
- State Legislation

- Bill to eliminate planning went away
- Devolution would be re-addressed in 2012
  
- Transit and Rail update
  - Transit advisory Committee
  - 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was held Will the money needed for it be worth it
  
- Zipper Lanes
  - Will the money needed for it be worth it
  
- Budget Discussion
- Bridge Enterprise Update
- 2035 State Plan Amendment

## **Committee Reports**

### **Efficiency and Accountability**

Commissioner Jeanne Erickson mentioned that she had been asked to deliver the report as Mary Beth Lewis Baker was detained by weather.

She said the Committee's last meeting was held on January 20, 2011 and that the Committee was informed that the Annual Report was submitted to the Legislature in January. She reported that the CDOT Public Information Office assisted the Committee in issuing press releases regarding the re-appointments to the committee. She stated that the Committee wants to make sure the public is aware of its oversight role with CDOT. She said that some of CDOT's financial documents were discussed including the budget with the intent to find ways to simplify the documents to better reflect CDOT's financial position. Jeanne stated that the Project Manager for the Contract improvement effort presented a progress update in streamlining the CDOT Contracting process.

### **Safety Committee**

Commissioner Bill Kaufman is the Chairman of the Safety Committee and he delivered the following report in regards to the Committee's February Meeting:

- The Safety Committee met on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.
- Mike Nugent, Manager of the Office of Transportation Safety provided an update on the Employee Safety Program and the 2010 results.
  - CDOT has committed to an annual goal of reducing vehicle accidents by 10%; 2010 reflected a 33% reduction. CDOT's accountability document, along with emphasis on driving related procedures and training, positively impacted the results.
  - 2010 reflects 222 workers' compensation claims compared to the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, which all exceeded more than 450 claims. This

trend is also reflected in dollar figures, showing dramatic reductions in 2010.

- Mike Nugent discussed the Fiscal Year 2010 Employee Safety Survey. General results included the following.
  - Safety climate and perception of safety at CDOT show positive results.
  - Recommended improvements to the overall safety climate included visible management commitment, continued messages that safety cannot be sacrificed for production demand, Supervisor Support, Employee Skills in identifying, reporting and fixing safety hazards, and an understanding of safety Rules & Procedures.
- Risk Manager Tracie Smith presented the Quarterly Commission Snapshot Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Data included workers' compensation and auto liability claims data.
  - Highlights included a continued trend of reductions in workers' compensation claims and a 31% decrease in FY11 Quarter 2 vehicle accidents compared with Quarter 1.
- Ty Ortiz, Rock Fall Program Manager, presented the Rock Fall Report.
  - A slideshow was provided indicating current projects underway as well as future designs. Assistance to the regions is provided primarily as a response to maintenance requests.
  - A video of the different ways loose material, or rock is removed, was also shown. The video illustrated hand scaling, mechanical scaling and hydraulic removal.
  - Mr. Ortiz also provided a summary of what budget funding increases, if received, would be used for, including implementation of scaling programs and equipment such as a tilt meter.
- Public Relations Director Stacey Stegman provided a Highway Safety PR Update on Holiday DUI Campaigns that ran from Thanksgiving Week through New Year's weekend. Highlights included:
  - The [www.PlanAheadColorado.com](http://www.PlanAheadColorado.com) website and partnerships with entities such as Yellow Cab, RTD, Miller Coors and Designated Driver of Colorado Springs.
  - New partnership campaigns with the Denver Bronco's and CBS 4.
  - Unfortunately, there were 14 alcohol related fatalities over this period.
  - The campaign resulted in 1,556 DUI Arrests.
- Pamela Hutton, Chief Engineer, closed by emphasizing the role each CDOT employee in attendance has in either employee safety or transportation safety. She thanked all for their dedication and hard work in these areas.

### **Audit Committee Meeting February 16, 2011**

The Committee reviewed an advisory memorandum on the Department's process for complying with the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permit. The Department of Health oversees this permit to control and reduce the discharge of pollutants from new highway development and redevelopment after construction is complete. The auditor found that there is not always a clear understanding within CDOT and between CDOT and the Department of Health over the requirements of the permit. The report suggested CDOT staff work with

Department of Health Staff to clarify requirements and develop a more consistent and formal process of communicating different requirements.

CDOT has been asked by CALTRANS auditors to assist in a Cognizant review of the rate audit of CH2M Hill. A cognizant audit report would be recognized and used by DOTs throughout the country. The cognizant audit approach has been in the Federal Regulations for several years. More use of this process is being advocated by FHWA and AASHTO. The Audit Committee asked audit staff and the Chief Engineer to provide some additional information as to the costs associated with doing these cognizant audit reviews.

The audit staff provided an update of the Control Self-Assessment effort. Year two of the program is in process and staff throughout CDOT are involved in completing risk based reviews of their programs.

The state auditor completed the statewide financial audit. CDOT had only two small finding related to sub-recipient monitoring and Davis Bacon payroll reviews. Congratulations to Accounting Staff on receiving such a clean audit.

### **Act on Consent Agenda**

Chairman Gruen asked for a motion of approval on the item and Commissioner Aden motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda and Commissioner Kaufman seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the motions were unanimously approved.

### **Approve the Special & Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19 & 20, 2010**

#### **Resolution #TC-1949**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission's Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19 & 20, 2010 are hereby approved as published in the official agenda of the February 16 & 17, 2011 meeting.

### **Approve the Resolution for the STIP Policy Amendment Package for Amendment 34**



**Resolution #TC-1950**

**Resolution to Approve STIP Policy Amendment Package for Amendment #34**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission has statutory authority pursuant to 43-1-106, C.R.S. to approve, accept, and amend various planning documents resulting from Section 135 Title 23 of the USC, and 43-1-1101 through 1105 C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted the 2008 – 2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in March, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the STIP is occasionally amended due to significant changes in project scope or projects need to be programmed in or out of the first four years of the STIP, thereby requiring a policy amendment to the STIP; and

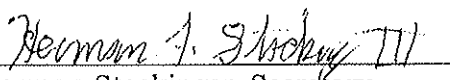
WHEREAS, the Section 450 Title 23 of the CFR requires a public process be implemented for review and comment on proposed policy amendments, as well as Transportation Commission approval of said amendments; and

WHEREAS, the public process for the policy amendments set before the Commission for the month of Amendment #34 was provided from January 12, 2011 through February 16, 2011, and no comments were received; and

WHEREAS, it is requested that the Transportation Commission approve these policy amendments to the STIP, which are detailed in the attached table, and direct staff to forward this approval to the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration for concurrence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the attached STIP Policy Amendment package for Amendment #34 be adopted and forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for concurrence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, after said concurrence is received from the Federal Highway Administration, staff from the CDOT Office of Financial Management and Budget will finalize the policy amendments in the STIP Database.

  
Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

**Approve the Resolution for the Modification to PD 703.0: "To clarify and delineate the policies for the approval of budget actions for projects and programs."**

**Resolution #TC-1951**  
**Modification to PD 703.0**

**Resolution #TC-1951**  
**Policy Directive 0703-0**


**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, it is the statutory responsibility of the Transportation Commission of Colorado to set policies and establish rules for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the purpose of this policy to provide clear guide lines to CDOT staff for the approval of budget actions for projects and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, this policy is hereby revised to authorize the transfers of funds between the personal services and operating accounts within a Division or Region without the need for Commission action.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that Policy Directive 703.0 entitled Budget Policies for the Transportation Commission is hereby adopted as contained in the official agenda.

  
Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

### **Discuss and act on a Resolution for the approval of the 9<sup>th</sup> Budget Supplement**

Ben Stein mentioned that the Budget Supplement provided in the Official Agenda was being presented without any changes and asked for approval of the Supplement.

Chairman Gruen asked for a motion of approval on the item and Commissioner Erickson motioned for approval of the Budget Supplement and Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the 9<sup>th</sup> Budget Supplement was unanimously approved.

### **Resolution #TC-1952**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Ninth Supplement to the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget be approved by the Transportation Commission.

### **Discuss and Act on the Resolution to approve a Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grant and approve matching funds requirement Contingency Funds**

Dave Eller reported that he wanted to apologize that the proposed Resolution had not been presented in the January 19, 2011 Workshop but, that due to time constraints for the application for the grant, he needed to seek approval. He explained many details in regards to the grant and the need for clearing beetle killed trees and the use of the Pilot Grant to accomplish this.

Chairman Gruen asked for a motion of approval on the item and Commissioner Kaufman motioned for approval of the Resolution and Commissioner Aden seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the following Resolution was unanimously approved.

**Resolution Number TC-1953**  
**Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grant**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2010 the Colorado State Forest Service published notice on their website for funding availability for 2010 HB09-1199 Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grants for Forest Restoration projects within Colorado under the Fiscal Year 2011 appropriations Bill; and

WHEREAS, the HB09-1199 Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grants must be submitted to the Colorado State Forest Service by January 26, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado State Forest Service's consideration of Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grant applications will be based on reducing the threat of wildfires and windblown deadfall timber from the Pine Beetle epidemic throughout Colorado as primary selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, Region 3 of the Colorado Department of Transportation, working with its planning partners, notably Grand County, prioritized potential State Highway ROW locations that would qualify to submit a request under the Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grant program; and

WHEREAS, CDOT Region 3, in order to meet the deadline for Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grants, submitted an application to the Colorado State Forest Service which application was made contingent on obtaining Transportation Commission approval; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Transportation Commission confirms its support for the project selected by CDOT Region 3.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the CDOT Region 3 application for the following project under the HB09-1199 Colorado Forest Restoration Pilot Grant program is hereby ratified and approved:

- US 40 Berthoud Pass ROW Hazard Tree Removal CDOT Total Project: \$1,050,000; \$420,000 CDOT Match (hazard tree removal within CDOT ROW for up to 50' from the edge of the pavement)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that contingent upon approval of the grant from the Colorado State Forest Service, the Department will commit the \$420,000 matching funds from the Transportation Commission's Contingency fund in support of the above project.

  
Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

**Discuss and Act on two Resolutions for the Transfer of Assets from the Bridge Enterprise back to CDOT concerning the following assets:**

**F-16-GG Perry Street**

**E-17-EW over UPRR**

Ben Stein mentioned that the Resolutions had been discussed at the Workshop on February 16, 2011 and that if the Commissioners had any questions he was prepared to answer them. No questions were posed and Ben stated that he was seeking the approval of both Resolutions on one vote of the Transportation Commission.

Chairman Gruen asked for a motion of approval on the items and Commissioner Rogers motioned for approval of the Resolutions and Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the following Resolutions were unanimously approved.

**Resolution Number TC -1954**

**Transfer Bridge Asset (Structure F-16-GG) back to CDOT**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, Section 43-4-805(5)(f), C.R.S. authorizes the Bridge Enterprise Board to enter into agreements with the Commission or CDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the following Region 6 structure was previously transferred from CDOT to the Bridge Enterprise by Board Resolution,

F-16-GG Perry Street over US 6 ML; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge has undergone a deck rehabilitation project after it was initially recognized as a "designated" FASTER bridge, and the subject work raised the sufficiency rating up to 79.9 per a CDOT inspection from December 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge was also initially classified as functionally obsolete per the initial list of FASTER designated bridges rated "poor" by CDOT from January 2009; and,

WHEREAS, any future work would have to include widening of the structure compliant with new design standards; and,

WHEREAS, widening of the bridge is constrained (underneath) by the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue retaining wall system along the north and south faces, and any widening of the bridge would result in extensive and costly rework of the retaining wall system which is not planned at this time; and,

WHEREAS, any further repair or replacement work (without widening) would result in the bridge still being classified as functionally obsolete, and the deck repair work noted above should ensure many years of service without safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS, the bridge asset should be transferred back to CDOT as it does not make economical sense to invest Bridge Enterprise funding into this structure; and,

WHEREAS, at the time the bridge asset was initially transferred from CDOT to Bridge Enterprise the structure carried no value and currently carries no value; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the staff to transfer the structure listed above back to CDOT at no cost.

  
Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

**Resolution Number TC -1955**

**Transfer Bridge Asset (Structure E-17-EW) back to CDOT**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, Section 43-4-805(5)(f), C.R.S. authorizes the Bridge Enterprise Board to enter into agreements with the Commission or CDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the following Region 6 structure was previously transferred from CDOT to the Bridge Enterprise by Board Resolution,

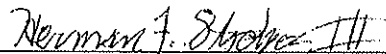
E-17-EW    I-70 Eastbound over UPRR,

WHEREAS, this bridge is located adjacent to the I-70 viaduct, and the future I-70 reconstruction plans could result in (1) the elimination of this structure in the future, or (2) the bridge may have to be reconstructed / reconfigured depending on the final I-70 viaduct alignment; and,

WHEREAS, this bridge asset should be transferred back to CDOT in the interim, and once the I-70 Record of Decision (or ROD) has been finalized the Bridge Enterprise will re-evaluate the situation and act accordingly; and,

WHEREAS, at the time the bridge asset was initially transferred from CDOT to the Bridge Enterprise the structure carried no value and currently carries no value; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Transportation Commission hereby authorizes the staff to transfer the structure listed above back to CDOT at no cost.



Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

**Discuss and Act on Resolution to Approve the Release of Draft 2035 Statewide Plan Amendment for public review**

Jennifer Finch stated that the Resolution was included in the Agenda for the meeting and that during the last few months staff had been working through drafts of the Amendment to the Statewide plan and that these revisions were being done to make certain that CDOT keeps consistent with Federal Legislation and one requirement is that any changes to the Statewide Transportation plan must go through a process allowing public comment. Ms. Finch stated that the request is for the release of the document for public review and that it would be available on the CDOT website. Jennifer reported that the Amendment would be presented to the Commission in April 2011 for formal adoption after the public review.

Chairman Gruen asked for a motion of approval on the item and Commissioner Parker motioned for approval of the Resolution and Commissioner Killin seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the following Resolution was unanimously approved.



**Resolution Number TC-1956**

**Release of the Draft 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan Amendment**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Colorado Transportation Commission (the Commission) has statutory authority pursuant to § 43-1-106 to approve, accept, and amend various planning documents resulting from Section 135 Title 23 of the U.S.C. and §43-1-1101 through 1105 C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Commission (TC) Resolution 1842 provided approval of the 2035 Statewide Plan Amendment approach, developed in collaboration with our planning partners, to include new information and the federally required MPO long range plan updates; and

WHEREAS, Resolution TC 1842 also provided approval of the Modified Resource Allocation approach which consisted of the identification of revenue projections for year 2012-2017 needed for STIP development, and the maintenance of the 2035 Statewide Plan totals due to the uncertainties associated with future long range funding, and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan Amendment amends the currently adopted 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan, Moving Colorado: Vision for the Future, which was prepared in accordance with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and associated federal regulations and Colorado Revised Statutes and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with 23 CFR 450.210, the Draft 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan Amendment shall be released for a 30-day public review and comment period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Commission hereby releases the Draft 2035 Statewide Transportation Plan Amendment for public review and comment for the period February 18 through March 21, 2011.

  
Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

## **Discuss and Act on Resolution to Approve a New Hazardous Material Route request**

Angie Drumm stated that the proposed Resolution was printed on orange paper and placed on the desks of the Commissioners and that approval of the Resolution would allow staff to petition the Colorado State Patrol to add US 36 from Last Chance to the Kansas State Line as a Hazardous Materials Transportation Route. Angie requested approval of the Resolution.

Commissioner Killin thanked the staff for the due diligence that the CDOT Staff had done on the issue and she stated she felt they had covered the issues and that the route makes a lot of sense. She declared that this designation would probably save miles driven on Colorado Highways and that she would move for approval of the Resolution.

Chairman Gruen asked for a second to the motion and Commissioner Barry seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the following Resolution was

unanimously approved.

**Resolution #TC-1957**  
**Hazmat route designation**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission adopted Policy Directive 1903.0 which establishes a process for CDOT to consider local government and private business requests to analyze changes to Colorado's hazardous materials routes; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Washington and Yuma County have formally requested that CDOT analyze the inclusion of U.S. 36, from SH 71 East to the Kansas State line as an officially approved hazardous materials route; and

WHEREAS, CDOT's Hazardous Materials Route Advisory Team, utilizing the process outlined in Procedural Directive 1903.1 have considered the request and found the following:

- The route is feasible, practicable, and not unreasonably expensive for such transportation, and will allow more options to hazmat transporters and will not have a negative impact on the industry; and
- The route is continuous through all affected jurisdictions; including Washington and Yuma Counties; and
- Approval of the route will provide greater safety to the public; and

WHEREAS, CDOT staff and the Colorado State Patrol's hazardous materials team covering Northeast Colorado met with each county's disaster management staff and the volunteer fire chiefs covering the U.S. 36 corridor, and that meeting generated consensus that CDOT should approve the request and petition the Colorado State Patrol for route approval; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission understands the Colorado State Patrol will be holding public meetings in the impacted area to gauge public sentiment for the change prior to making a final decision; and

## **Discuss and Act on Resolution to approve FY 2012 Colorado Department of Transportation Congressional Notebook**

Mickey Ferrell stated that the proposed Resolution had been presented in the Workshop on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 and that he was seeking approval of the Resolution. Commissioners Aden and Parker stated in detail that they were pleased that lawmakers were moving away from earmarks and that the notebook would be a great educational tool for those lawmakers. Mickey assured them that their position on the matter would be included in the talking points for meetings with legislators at the upcoming trip to Washington, D.C.

Chairman Gruen asked for a motion of approval on the item and Commissioner Rogers motioned for approval of the Resolution and Commissioner Kaufman seconded the motion. On a vote of the Commission, the following Resolution was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Erickson stated that the Notebook was a different matter for Aviation and for the Federal Transit Administration and that the needs of those projects would be in the Notebook in hopes of funding for the projects. She stated that she appreciated Mickey's efforts and understanding of the issues and differences in the FHWA, FTA and Aviation.

**Resolution Number TC-1958**

**Approval of Fiscal Year 2012 Congressional Notebook**

**Approved by the Transportation Commission on: February 17, 2011**

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission submits an annual Congressional Notebook to the Colorado Congressional Delegation to identify projects to be built in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) staff uses this Notebook each year to inform and educate the Colorado Congressional Delegation to the federally mandated planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission recognizes the importance of continued outreach and communication with the Members of the Colorado Congressional Delegation; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission recognizes Congress may not identify 'earmarks' in the 112<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Department of Transportation has prepared the Fiscal Year 2012 Congressional Notebook with a list of highway, transit and aviation projects that address pressing needs of the state transportation system and that are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

WHEREAS, the list was developed in cooperation with the Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee (STAC) and the Transportation Commission has reviewed the Notebook with Department staff; and

WHEREAS, the Notebook includes all of the Fiscal Year 2012 surface treatment projects identified in the STIP for the Colorado Congressional Delegation awareness of transportation projects in each of the Congressional Districts for Fiscal Year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Notebook includes the Colorado Transit Coalitions' (CASTA) funding request for Section 5309 Bus Discretionary funds; and

WHEREAS, the Notebook includes a funding request for the RTD FasTracks Eagle P3 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Notebook includes funding requests for aviation related projects at airports across the State; and

## **Acknowledgements**

Chairman Gruen turned the proceedings over to Executive Director Hunt who stated that he was helping with the presentation of the Achievement Awards to two employees who were involved in an interesting situation. Director Hunt mentioned that the story of the employees and the actions they took would be told by the nominator:

- John Elshof, LTC OPS I at Evans for Greeley Maintenance Section 1, Region 4. John reported that the employees had found a duffel bag full of money, drugs and paraphernalia and they called their Supervisor and the Colorado State Patrol. John stated that through the whole process they had been an excellent example of all CDOT employees and he presented the Awards to:
  - Jim Rider, Patrol 25, Wiggins, CO
  - Kirby Harris, Patrol 25, Wiggins, CO
  - They received a big round of applause and thanked Stacey Stegman for her help with navigating the media storm that followed the events.

Chairman, Les Gruen introduced Jennifer Finch to present Awards on behalf of the Environmental Programs Branch

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**Project Category Winner – Bennett Creek (Region 2)**

CDOT Region 2 coordinated with El Paso County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to replace a poorly performing bridge along US 24, east of Falcon, Colorado. Rather than doing a simple fix they also worked to enhance the local habitat. Efforts were first made to minimize impacts to the habitat, particularly to wetlands, migratory birds, and the native fish population. Then the team made efforts to enhance the natural setting of the area by designing a meandering channel, as opposed to a simple straight channel, using natural rock substrate, and planting trees and shrubs along the banks. This project shows that through inter-agency coordination and cooperation we can not only do what is necessary but also what is right.

**The recipients are:**

Dick Annand	Yun Hun	Mark Andrew
Judy DeHaven	Dave Poling	

**Maintenance Category Winner – West Vail Pass (Region 3)**

West Vail Pass receives approximately 300 inches of snow each year and, consequently, upwards of 15,000 tons of sanding material is used each year to keep the roads open. Much of this material makes its way into Black Gore Creek which was listed as an "impaired water" in 2002. Starting in March of 2010, Region 3 set a goal to capture and collect as much sanding material as they could before the snow began to fall. The plan to improve the waterway recommends CDOT maintenance forces pick up approximately 4,000 to 6,000 tons of used sanding material each year. That spring, almost 19,000 tons of used sanding material was collected and hauled off the pass which is 4 to 5 times more than had historically been captured in previous years. The plan is to continue this effort in order to assist this watershed in getting off the impaired list. These efforts exemplify the environmental ethic that Region 3 maintenance as a whole exudes.

**The recipients are:**

Toby Brown	Mark Quintana	Brian Mansanares	Tracy Fenter
Mike Goolsby	Tim Hollet	Dan Finholm	John Johnson
JohnDavid	Jered Morgan	Joe Mascarenas	David Miles
Jim Achatz	David McCoy	Kevin McWhirt	Tom Halton
Emily Trujillo	Mark Rittersdorf	David Dittermore	Cliff Lenard
David Kuhn	John Pond	Tracy Osborne	Ben Sokolski
Andy Garcia	Jeff Mosser	Shone Briggs	Larry Hirschert
Cary Griffin	Rick Leyba	Fred Etter	

**Innovative Environmental Process Category Winner – New Pueblo Freeway Website (Region 2)**

During the public outreach for the New Pueblo Freeway EIS, the project team became aware that current elementary and middle school students were going to the real users of the project. After spending time in an elementary classroom the project team found that the students had no idea who designs roads, where the money comes from to support our system, or that scientist, planners, engineers, and many other disciplines are involved in our road system. So the team developed the “Everybody Loves a Roadtrip” website to take students through the evolution of our transportation system and shows them how our roads connect us. This website is a unique and innovative form of public outreach to engage not only the current but future users of our roads.

**The recipients are:**

Dick Annand	David Miller
Judy DeHaven	Rich Zamora

**The Kim Gambrill Award (Special Contributor) – Terry Roop (Region 6)**

While carrying out his daily job requirements, Terry Roop is constantly on the lookout for ways to make his facilities environmentally friendly. Due to Terry’s efforts, such as upgrading garage doors, insulation, and windows and installing programmable thermostats, Region 6 was found to be the most energy efficient after the recent statewide energy audit. He initiated a process to replace and recycle high mercury content light bulbs with newer bulbs containing minimal amounts of mercury. He also expanded the recycling programs and encourages other R6 maintenance yards to bring their recycling items to one of the recycling yards during their monthly meetings. Terry manages to do all of this with no increase in his operational funds. Terry is a great example of initiative, creativity, foresight and low key professionalism.

**Honorable Mentions** - Since we can only give out one prize for each category, we wanted to bring attention to a couple other folks who did an exceptional job of promoting CDOT’s environmental ethic.

**Nick Madrid**, of Region 6, developed a new method for dealing with sweeper tailings and Vactor truck waste. Nick and his team built a series of evaporation ponds where waste could drain and then be safely hauled to the dump; saving CDOT money while eliminating potential water quality issues from storing the waste.

**Ed Stieber**, Region 4 Maintenance Superintendent, has worked diligently to acquire a Vactor truck for Region 4. Prior to having the truck, clogged drainage inlets would have to be excavated by hand leaving the underground portion clogged. This can lead to erosion, slope degradation and possible illicit discharges. Although Ed and his crews had to forego several other purchases for the year, the Vactor truck has saved the Region, and CDOT, time and money and decreased the threat of potential water quality issues.

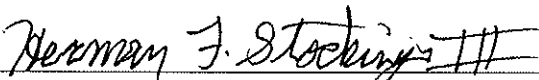


Chairman, Les Gruen introduced Dave Wieder, Maintenance and Operations Branch Manager, who told the story of the lifesaving efforts made by the Region 1 and the Colorado Avalanche Information center employees on Monday, January 17, 2011 in the area of the Stanley Slide on Berthoud Pass. He reported that the team had closed the highway because of dangerous conditions and the very real possibility of an avalanche and that there was a slide and many lives were saved by their actions. Dave asked the members of the team to come forward and they received a round of applause. The team members who were honored were:

John Bordoni  
Scott Crabtree  
Ray Hufford  
Tom DeLaney  
Ray Mumford  
Curt Martinez  
Lee Metzger, Colorado Avalanche Information center Forecaster  
George O'Neil  
Bill VanVoorst  
Doug Dyer  
Vince Estreich

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

  
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Herman Stockinger, Secretary  
Transportation Commission of Colorado

